UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION

ANTHONY JONES,)	
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	No.
CTI COLLECTION SERVICES, INC.,)	
Defendant.)	

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

ANTHONY JONES (Plaintiff), through her attorneys, KROHN & MOSS, LTD., alleges the following against CTI COLLECTION SERVICES, INC., (Defendant):

INTRODUCTION

- 1. Plaintiff's Complaint is based on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, *15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.* (FDCPA).
- 2. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. Jurisdiction of this court arises pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1692k(d), which states that such actions may be brought and heard before "any appropriate United States district court without regard to the amount in controversy."
- 4. Defendant maintains a business office and conducts business in the state of Illinois, and therefore, personal jurisdiction is established.
- 5. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 *U.S.C.* 1391(b)(1).

6. Declaratory relief is available pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2201 and 2202.

PARTIES

- 7. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Lithonia, Georgia.
- 8. Plaintiff is a consumer as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. 1692a(3), and according to Defendant, Plaintiff allegedly owes a debt as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. 1692a(5).
- 9. Defendant is a debt collector as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. 1692a(6), and sought to collect a consumer debt from Plaintiff.
- 10. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant is a national company with a business office in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.
- 11. Defendant is a collection agency that in the ordinary course of business, regularly, on behalf of itself or others, engages in debt collection.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 12. Defendant constantly and continuously placed collection calls to Plaintiff seeking and demanding payment for an alleged student loan owed.
- 13. Defendant places daily collection calls to Plaintiff's cellular phone at (770) 896-8817.
- 14. Defendant's agent, "Mr. Montgomery", has repeatedly threatened Plaintiff with wage garnishment if immediate payment was not made.
- 15. Plaintiff asked "Mr. Montgomery" if he could speak to a manager and "Mr. Montgomery" told Plaintiff "I am the manager" and hung up the phone on Plaintiff.
- 16. Defendant's agent, "Annie Gonzales" told Plaintiff that he had two (2) days to pay the alleged or Plaintiff's wages would be garnished.
- 17. Defendant has placed collection calls to Plaintiff at work and threatened Plaintiff with wage garnishment.

COUNT I DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

- 18. Defendant violated the FDCPA based on the following:
 - a. Defendant violated §1692d of the FDCPA by engaging in conduct the natural consequence of which is to harass, oppress, or abuse Plaintiff.
 - b. Defendant violated §1692d(5) of the FDCPA by causing a telephone to ring repeatedly and continuously with the intent to annoy, abuse, and harass Plaintiff.
 - c. Defendant violated §1692e(4) of the FDCPA by falsely threatening Plaintiff with wage garnishment when Defendant has not and does not intend to carry out such actions.
 - d. Defendant violated §1692e(10) of the FDCPA by engaging in deceptive means to attempt to collect a debt.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, ANTHONY JONES, respectfully requests judgment be entered against Defendant, CTI COLLECTION SERVICES, INC., for the following:

- Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the Fair Debt Collection Practices
 Act,
- 20. Statutory damages of \$1000.00 pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, *15 U.S.C. 1692k*,
- 21. Actual damages,
- 22. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15

 U.S.C. 1692k
- 23. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, ANTHONY JONES, demands a jury trial in this case.

VERIFICATION OF COMPLAINT AND CERTIFICATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Plaintiff, ANTHONY JONES, states the following:

- 1. I am the Plaintiff in this civil proceeding.
- I have read the above-entitled civil Complaint prepared by my attorneys and I believe 2. that all of the facts contained in it are true, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry. 3.
- I believe that this civil Complaint is well grounded in fact and warranted by existing law or by a good faith argument for the extension, modification or reversal of existing law.
- I believe that this civil Complaint is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to 4. harass any Defendant(s), cause unnecessary delay to any Defendant(s), or create a needless increase in the cost of litigation to any Defendant(s), named in the Complaint.
- I have filed this Complaint in good faith and solely for the purposes set forth in it. 5. 6.
- Each and every exhibit I have provided to my attorneys which has been attached to this Complaint is a true and correct copy of the original.
- Except for clearly indicated redactions made by my attorneys where appropriate, I have 7. not altered, changed, modified or fabricated these exhibits, except that some of the attached exhibits may contain some of my own handwritten notations.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, ANTHONY JONES, hereby declare (or certify, verify or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.